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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
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## Status

1)  Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 December 2003.

2a)  This action is **FINAL**.                    2b)  This action is non-final.

3)  Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## **Disposition of Claims**

4)  Claim(s) 1-45 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
5)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
6)  Claim(s) 1-4, 9, 20, 21, 25-27, 30, 31, 34, 37, 38, 40 and 43 is/are rejected.  
7)  Claim(s) 5-8, 10-19, 22-24, 26-29, 32, 33, 35, 36, 39, 41, 42, 44 and 45 is/are objected to.  
8)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

9)  The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)  The drawing(s) filed on 01 December 2003 is/are: a)  accepted or b)  objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)  The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

12)  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a)  All    b)  Some \* c)  None of:  
1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

1)  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
2)  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
3)  Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 5/23/05.

4)  Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_ .  
5)  Notice of Informal Patent Application  
6)  Other: \_\_\_\_ .

## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101***

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 30, 34, 40 and 43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. The subject claims have no practical utility, they appear to be an algorithm executed by an computer program with no practical application and/or use and therefore are determined to be non-statutory. Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Claim Objections***

Claims 37-42 are objected to because of the following informalities: Change the word "machine" to "computer", furthermore, it is suggested that claims 37 and 40 be rewritten possibly as follows;

"A computer readable medium having executable instructions to perform operations including:". Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the

invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-4, 9, 20, 21, 25, 30, 31, 34, 37, 38, 40 and 43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilson et al (US 2004/0176097 A1) in view of Halton et al (USP 6,697,346 B1).

Regarding claims 1, 2, 9, 20, 25, 30, 34, 37, 40 and 43, Wilson discloses a method for processing information in a communication system (see abstract, Fig. 1), comprising:

having a plurality of subchannels, each subchannel being operated at a specific data rate (see paras 10-11, different subchannels with different data rates are assigned to users);

selecting, for each of one or more user terminals, one of the subchannels to be used for transmitting control information from an access point to the respective user terminal, based on one or more selection criteria (see fig. 2, paras 16 and 21, specific user criteria's can be used to transmit data via the appropriate subchannels selected for use); and

transmitting information from the access point to a particular user terminal on a particular subchannel selected for the respective user terminal (see fig. 4, 6 and para 45 and 49).

Wilson fails to disclose partition and transmission of control information via an appropriate channel.

Halton discloses partitioning and transmission of random access control channel (RACH) information (see Figs. 2-6, col 3 lines 3-35.) Partitioning of a RACH provides for

full utilization of transmission frame resources and therefore providing a constant delivery of data without delay. Thus it would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teachings of Halton within Wilson so as to provide a constant delivery of data within a communications system without delay.

Regarding claims 3, 4, 21, 31, and 38 Wilson discloses each subchannel is associated with a specific set of operating parameters (see para 6).

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 5-8, 10-19, 22-24, 26-29, 32, 33, 35, 36, 39, 41, 42, 44 and 45 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Raj K. Jain whose telephone number is 571-272-3145. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chi Pham can be reached on 571-272-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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